GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION
LOK SABHA

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STATISTICAL SYSTEM
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Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has implemented any schemes to strengthen the statistical system in the country, at both Central and the State/UT levels ;

(b) if so, the details thereof including funds allocated/released/spent during the last three years and the current year;

(c) whether the Government has set up any policy/plan to ensure standardization of measurement of data across the country, and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether the measurement of GDP as per the new method will hold challenges for the State/UTs, and if so, the action taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION, MINISTER OF STATE FOR MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE FOR MINISTRY OF OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS [GENERAL (Dr.) V. K. SINGH (Retd.)]

(a) : Yes, Sir. The Government has planned schemes to strengthen the statistical system in the country namely Capacity Development scheme at the centre and Support for Statistical Strengthening for the States/UTs.

(b): Objectives of the Capacity Development scheme inter alia include improving the quality, coverage and timeliness of national accounts statistics; social, environment and allied statistics; price statistics and economic statistics; and also conduct of large scale sample surveys. Support for Statistical Strengthening including India Statistical Strengthening Project, is a centrally sponsored scheme which aims at improving the statistical capacity and infrastructure of State/UT statistical systems. Details of Budget Estimates (BE) and expenditure incurred during the last three years and the current year are as under:

(Rs. in crore)

Scheme	2011-12		2012-13		2013-14		2014-15	
	BE	Expenditure	BE	Expenditure	BE	Expenditure up to Feb.15		
Capacity Development	122	100.4	149	109.4	123	84.9	153	73.8
Support for Statistical Strengthening (SSS)	212	124	210	24.2	53	25	100	0.1

Note: Expenditure for SSS scheme refers to fund released

(c): The Ministry has constituted the following subject specific Committees for adoption of uniform concepts and definitions for standardization of measurement of data:

(i) Advisory Committee on National Accounts Statistics

(ii) Technical advisory Committee on Statistics of Prices and Cost of Living

(iii) Standing Committee on Labour Force Statistics

(iv) Standing Committee on Industrial Statistics

(v) Technical advisory Committee for the development of methodology for compilation of Index of Services Production

(vi) Standing Committee on Sixth Economic Census

(vii) Standing Committee on Infrastructure Statistics

(d): The Central Statistics Office has a regular programme to train the concerned State/UT personnel in the computation of State/UT Domestic Product as and when the national accounts series is revised by organising national/regional workshops.